IN THE CLAIMS

1   Claim 1 (original) A method for tracking activities running in parallel in a
2   data processing system, comprising the steps of:

3   maintaining an ordered list of activities running in the system;

4   whenever a new activity begins, inserting the new activity at a top of the list;

5   whenever an activity in the ordered list completes, removing the completed
6   activity from the ordered list; and

7   displaying the activity that is at the top of the list.

1   Claim 2 (original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the displaying
2   step displays a code pertaining to the latest-started activity that has not completed.

1   Claim 3 (original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the activities are
2   configurations of devices attached to the data processing system.

Claims 4-8 (cancelled)

1   Claim 9 (original)   A data processing system comprising:

2   circuitry for maintaining an ordered list of activities running in the system;

3   whenever a new activity begins, circuitry for inserting the new activity at a top
4   of the list;

5   whenever an activity in the ordered list completes, circuitry for removing the
6   completed activity from the ordered list; and

7   circuitry for displaying the activity that is at the top of the list.

1   Claim 10 (original) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the displaying

2 circuitry displays a code pertaining to the latest-started activity that has not

3 completed.

1   Claim 11 (original) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the activities

2 are configurations of devices attached to the data processing system.

1   Claim 12 (original) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the displaying

2 circuitry further comprises:

3   circuitry for determining if an activity that has completed is currently being

4 displayed; and

5   if the activity that has completed is currently being displayed, circuitry for

6 displaying an activity that had previously been displayed.

1   Claim 13 (original) A computer program product adaptable for storage on a

2 computer readable medium, comprising a computer program operable for performing

3 the following steps:

4   maintaining an ordered list of activities running in a data processing system;

5   whenever a new activity begins, inserting the new activity at a top of the list;

6   whenever an activity in the ordered list completes, removing the completed

7 activity from the ordered list; and

8   displaying the activity that is at the top of the list.

1   Claim 14 (original)   The program as recited in claim 13, wherein the

2 displaying step displays a code pertaining to the latest-started activity that has not

3 completed.

1   Claim 15 (original) The program as recited in claim 13, wherein the activities

2   are configurations of devices attached to the data processing system.

1   Claim 16 (original)   The program as recited in claim 13, wherein the

2   displaying step further comprises the steps of:

3   determining if an activity that has completed is currently being displayed; and

4   if the activity that has completed is currently being displayed, displaying an

5   activity that had previously been displayed.

1   Claim 17 (new) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein only the activity at

2   the top of the list is displayed.

1   Claim 18 (new) The system as recited in claim 10, wherein only the activity

2   at the top of the list is displayed.

1   Claim 19 (new) The program as recited in claim 14, wherein only the activity

2   at the top of the list is displayed.

1   Claim 20 (new) A method for tracking activities on a single entry display

2   device running in parallel in a data processing system, comprising the steps of:

3   maintaining an ordered list of activities automatically running in the system;

4   whenever a new activity begins, inserting the new activity at the top of the

5   list;

6   whenever an activity in the ordered list automatically completes, removing the

7   completed activity from the ordered list; and

8   displaying on the single entry display device only the activity at the top of the

9   list.

1   Claim 21 (new) A method for tracking activities running in parallel in a data

2   processing system, comprising the steps of:

3   determining if a new activity has started in the system;

4   if a new activity has started in the system, displaying an identity of the new

5   activity;

6   determining if any activity running in the system has completed;

7   if an activity has completed, removing that activity from a list of activities to

8   be displayed;

9   determining if the activity removed from the list is currently displayed; and

10   if the activity to be removed is currently displayed, displaying an activity not

11   completed that has previously been displayed, wherein only one activity is displayed

12   at a time.